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1. The Federacion de Trabajadores (FT) del Distrito Federal y el Estado Miranda is a Partido Revolucionario del Proletariado-Comunista (PRPc) sponsored federation of syndicates in the vicinity of Caracas. It is associated with the Confederacion de Trabajadores de America Latina (CTAL) and the Federacion Sindical Mundial (FMSU).

2. In August 1949 officials of the FT were reported to be:

President: Rodolfo Quintero, PRPc Political Bureau member

Secretary-General: Cruz A. Villegas, PRPc Political Bureau member

Organizational Secretary: Jesus Perez

Labor Secretary: Luis Miquelena

Financial Secretary: Domingo Agostini, Secretary-General of the Sindicato de Trabajadores de la Industria de Cuero

Vigilance and Discipline Secretary: Esteban Figueras

Propaganda Secretary: Rafael Bracca, Secretary-General of the Sindicato de Mesoneros, Cantineros, y Empleados de Hoteles

Alternate Director: Felix Martinez, Secretary-General of the Sindicato de Expendedores de Periodicos y Revistas

Alternate Director: Domingo Hernandez

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3. A declaration of the FT published in PRP, official organ of the PRPc, on 29 September 1950, carried the signatures of Quintero, Villegas, Liqueleña, Agostini, Figueras, Bracca, and Eleazar Salvatierra. Salvatierra, who is Secretary-General of the Sindicato de Operadores Mecánicos Constructores de Caminos y Vías de Comunicación, was shown to be an alternate director and Secretary of Rural Organization of the FT. A letter in Ultimas Noticias on 18 March 1951 showed that the Executive Committee was then composed of Quintero, Bracca, Salvatierra, Agostini, and Martínez.
4. According to Ministry of Labor information, in December 1950 thirty syndicates, with a total membership of 1,921 workers, were affiliated with the FT. The membership at the end of 1949 was reported to be about 1,000. A list of affiliated unions and their present membership is attached.
5. In addition to the affiliated syndicates listed by the Ministry of Labor, other labor unions of unknown strength are claimed as members of the FT. These include:

Sindicato de Trabajadores de la Industria Química: Elías Funes, Secretary-General.
 Sindicato de Trabajadores Textiles y Similares del Estado Miranda: Guillermina Ansuálde, Secretary-General.
 Sindicato de Campesinos de la Cabrera: Pablo Antonio Barrios, Secretary-General.
 Liga Campesina de Santa Bárbara: Guillermo Rodríguez, Secretary-General.
 Liga Campesina de la Mata Primera: Julian Silva, Secretary-General.
 Liga Campesina de Quebrada de Miguel: Victor Manauze, Secretary-General.
 Liga Campesina de Corcibo: Marcelino Paz, Secretary-General.
 Liga Campesina de Colon: Juan Simoza, Secretary-General.
 Liga Campesina de Rio Yare: Apolonia Rada, Secretary-General.
 Liga Campesina de los Cajones: Simon Tovar, Secretary-General.

6. A review of PRP files for 1950 reveals that the FT activities for the year included:

8 January	Meeting to review work of 1949.
27 January	Call to support workers of the Hacienda Santo Domingo in a labor dispute.
16 February	Announced solidarity of FT with the Sindicato de Mineros de San Felix de Guayana in its labor dispute.
14 April	Call to support workers' demonstration on 1 May.
1 May	Active participation in May Day demonstration in Caracas.
9 June	Resolution concerning violations of labor law limiting percentage of aliens that may be employed.
16 June	Resolution approving the Stockholm petition against the use of the atomic bomb.
11 August	Announced solidarity with the Sindicato Profesional de Trabajadores del Radio in its dispute with Sydney Ross Company.
13 August	Business meeting.
8 September	Meeting to commemorate the 12th anniversary of the founding of the CTAL.
29 September	Announced solidarity with the Sindicato Profesional de Autobuseros in its defense against attacks by Caracas newspapers.
8 October	Meeting to commemorate the 5th anniversary of the founding of the UFTU.

The FT maintains close relations with the Federacion de Trabajadores del Estado Anzoategui, a PRPc federation of various syndicates in that State. This latter group is led by Martin Marval, who frequently visits FT leaders in Caracas. The FT is currently supporting the unified committee of oil-workers' groups in its contract demands.

Manuel Pirela, Secretary-General of the Sindicato de Trabajadores del Jabon, Velas, Grasas, y Similares.
 Esther Mackenzie, Secretary-General of the Sindicato de Trabajadores de la Industria del Perfume.

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Bernardo Nieves, Secretary-General of the Sindicato de Trabajadores de Conservas y Productos Alimenticios.
Alejandrina Moreno, Secretary-General of the Sindicato Profesional de Trabajadores de la Industria del Carton y el Papel.
Froilan Espinoza, Secretary-General of the Sindicato de Trabajadores Agricolas del Distrito Paz Castillo.
Valerio Correa, Secretary-General of the Sindicato de Trabajadores del Central Epifania (Santa Epifania).

9. Offices of the FT are located in Caracas, at Mercedes a Salas No. 8. The building is also used for offices of a number of affiliated unions, and an assembly room is available for meetings. Meetings held by the FT are open to members of the board of directors and delegates of affiliated syndicates.

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Comment: Minor variations in syndicate names constantly occur, even from [REDACTED] For this reason, past or future references to syndicates bearing similar names to those mentioned in this report may concern the same group.